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Representative LaVar Christensen proposes the following substitute bill:

FAMILY POLICY

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: LaVar Christensen

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies Title 30, Husband and Wife, by enacting language relating to the family.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- states, as the public policy of Utah, that a family, consisting of a legally and lawfully married man and woman and their children, is the fundamental unit of society; and
- requires that ~~{publicly funded social programs, government services, laws, and regulations designed to support families be carefully scrutinized to ensure that they promote the family}~~ laws respect and promote the essential and complementary roles of both a mother and a father and allow for the recognized interests of a

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grandparent, step-parent, or extended family member as individual circumstances may require.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

30-1-4.2, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **30-1-4.2** is enacted to read:

30-1-4.2. Public policy in support of family.

(1) The institution of marriage and family, consisting of the legal union of a man and a woman and children conceived and born to, or adopted by, the married couple as father and mother, is the fundamental unit of society and the optimum environment in which to nurture and raise a child.

(2) Marriage and family predate all governments and are supported by and consistent with the Laws of Nature and Nature's God, the Creator and Supreme Judge of the World, affirmed in the nation's founding Declaration of Independence.

(3) Marriage represents the legal sanction and approval of society and is essential to ordered liberty and public virtue.

~~(4) Procreation within marriage links generations and is fundamental to the perpetuity of humanity.~~

~~—— (5) (a) Families anchored by both a father and a mother, fidelity within marriage, and enduring devotion to the covenants and responsibilities of marriage are the desired norm.~~

~~—— (b) Cultures and societies where laws, practices, and public policies protect, preserve, and promote such enduring and time-honored family values and principles are happiest, healthiest, and most stable.~~

~~—— (6) The furtherance and protection of order and public morality are legitimate and substantial government interests.~~

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~~(7) To the extent social problems arise that adversely affect the desired optimum family condition, such as the dissolution of marriage, crime, poverty, immorality, violence, and other conditions that place added responsibilities on individuals and communities through publicly funded and administered social programs and government services, laws and regulations shall be carefully scrutinized to determine how they impact the family and the protection of children.~~

~~———— (8) (a) 5) The laws of the state shall, to the fullest extent possible, {,};~~

~~(a) strengthen, safeguard, and sustain marriage and families {,};~~

~~(b) {They shall} respect and promote the essential and complementary roles of both a father and a mother;~~

~~(c) allow for the recognized interests of a grandparent, step-parent, or extended family member as individual circumstances may reasonably require; and~~

~~(d) uphold this public policy for the greatest public good.~~

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